

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action (Purchasing)

Austin City Council	Item ID:	10429	Agenda Number	28.
Meeting Date:	November 10, 2011			
Department:	Purchasing			
Subject				
Approve ratification of a contract with FSTI, INC., Austin, TX for an emergency purchase of bulk liquid chlorine for the Austin Water Utility (AWU) for a total contract amount not to exceed \$162,000.				
Amount and Source of Funding				
Funding was available in the Fiscal Year 2010-2011 Operating Budget of the Austin Water Utility.				
Fiscal Note				
There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:	Emergency Purchase.			
Prior Council Action:	█			
For More Information:	Sydney Ceder, Sr. Buyer, 974-2035			
Boards and Commission Action:	To be reviewed by the Water and Wastewater Commission on November 9, 2011.			
MBE / WBE:	This contract was awarded in compliance with Chapter 2-9D of the City Code (Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprise Procurement Program). This was an emergency purchase; therefore, it is exempted under Chapter 791 of the Texas Local Government Code and no goals were established for this solicitation.			
Related Items:	█			

Additional Backup Information

On August 23, 2011, the South Austin Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SAR) experienced a release of chlorine from a one-ton container. Austin Water Utility staff was able to restore operations for part of the plant and although the plant is not fully operational, it is expected to be able to meet the demands under normal conditions until the repairs are completed. Chlorine gas is extremely corrosive and the existing gas chlorine feed system has been damaged. A temporary sodium hypochlorite feed system has been set up in order to meet all federal and state permit requirements in order for the wastewater to be chlorinated to kill pathogens such as viruses and bacteria before the effluent enters into either the reclaimed system or is discharged back into the river.

This emergency purchase of sodium hypochlorite, a bleach type chlorine solution, will be used in the temporary system. The temporary system will remain operational until the extent of the damage caused by the leak has been evaluated and the permanent repairs have been completed.

In an effort to get competition, two vendors were called to submit a quote. Quotes were received from FSTI, Inc., Austin, TX for \$162,000 and Commercial Chemical, Houston, TX for \$189,600.